



NEWS RELEASE

Milk Production
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NORTH DAKOTA MILK PRODUCTION

North Dakota

North Dakota milk production during the January-March quarter totaled 143 million pounds, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Production was up 3 million pounds from the October-December 2002 quarter, but down 5 million pounds when compared to the January-March quarter in 2002. The average number of milk cows during the quarter decreased 1,000 head from the last quarter to 37,000. Milk produced per cow averaged 3,870 pounds, up from 3,680 pounds last quarter and 3,600 pounds during the January-March 2002 quarter.

United States

Milk production in the U.S. during the January-March quarter totaled 43.0 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from the January-March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.16 million head, 43,000 head more than the same period last year.

MILK PRODUCTION JANUARY - MARCH

State ^{1/}	Milk Cows ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{3/}		
	2002	2003	2002	2003	Change from 2002
	-- 1,000 Head --		-- Million Pounds --		
					Percent
North Dakota	41	37	148	143	-3.4
California	1,627	1,686	8,453	8,818	4.3
Minnesota	493	480	2,200	2,141	-2.7
New York	674	683	3,033	3,027	-0.2
Wisconsin	1,278	1,264	5,526	5,563	0.7
United States	9,112	9,155	42,397	42,958	1.3

1/ Published are a few selected states from the National release. 2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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